

REMARKS

The Specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed Foreign Application. Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. Claim 12 has been amended to remove a grammatical error.

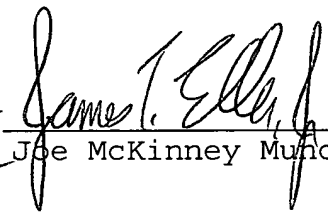
Conclusion

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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